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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON COFFEE PRICES

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE LETTER SENT TO THE
IBC'S U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CESAR GOMES REQUESTING HIS
APPEARANCE BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON COFFEE PRICES
FEBRUARY 23.

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. GOMES: ON FEBRUARY 22 AND 23, 1977,
THE COMMERCE, CONSUMER AND MONETARY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE
DOMESTIC MARKETING, CONSUMER RELATIONS AND NUTRITION SUB-
COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD
JOINT HEARINGS INTO THE COFFEE PRICE SITUATION.

AS YOU KNOW, INCREASING COFFEE PRICES HAVE BEEN OF GREAT
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CONCERN TO AMERICAN CONSUMERS AND THE CONGRESS. OUR HEAR-
INGS WILL ATTEMPT TO FOCUS ON THE CURRENT SUPPLY SITUATION,
MARKETING AND PRICING MECHANISMS IN THE COFFEE TRADE, AND
EXPECTATIONS FOR FUTURE PRODUCTION AND PRICES.

WE WOULD LIKE THE HEARINGS TO BE AS COMPLETE, FAIR AND BAL-
ANCED AS POSSIBLE. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, WE NEED

THE COOPERATION OF PROFESSIONALS IN THE COFFEE BUSINESS,
AND PARTICULARLY OF THE COFFEE PRODUCING NATIONS. WE
BELIEVE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THESE HEARINGS WOULD BE IN-
VALUABLE IN HELPING TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE FACTUAL ACCOUNT-
ING OF THE CURRENT SITUATION. WE THEREFORE REQUEST THAT
THE BRAZILIAN COFFEE INSTITUTE MAKE A PRESENTATION TO OUR
TWO SUBCOMMITTEES ON FEBRUARY 23, 1977.

RULES OF THE COMMITTEES REQUIRE THAT 50 COPIES OF WRITTEN
TESTIMONY BE DELIVERED TO EACH SUBCOMMITTEE OFFICE AT
LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE HEARING DATE. IF THERE
ARE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT PETER S. BARASH, STAFF
DIRECTOR FOR THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER AND
MONETARY AFFAIRS (225-4407) OR BRAD MICHAELSON, LEGISLA-
TIVE ASSISTANT TO CONGRESSMAN RICHMOND (225-5936). END
TEXT.

2. CONGRESSMAN RICHMOND REQUESTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY
KATZ TO ENDORSE THIS INVITATION. MR. KATZ REPLIED THAT
HE WOULD INFORM THE BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES OF THE INVITA-
TION BUT THE DECISION WHETHER TO ACCEPT WAS UP TO THE
BRAZILIANS THEMSELVES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM GOB OF THE FOREGOING.

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